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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO TIJUANA
PARIS FROM LUXEMBOURG 13 JUN 75:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LUXEMBOURG 0446

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SUBJ: AIR EUROPE FLIES AGAIN?

REF: LUXEMBOURG 0326

1. LUXEMBOURG PRESS JUNE 13 REPORTS THAT HERMAN PESSIS,
PRESIDENT OF AIR EUROPE INTERNATIONAL, ANNOUNCED THAT
HE HAS OBTAINED CAB AUTHORIZATION FOR OVERFLIGHTS OF THE
US AND THAT HE WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS BETWEEN TIJUANA
AND LUXEMBOURG IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. ECON OFFICER CHECKED WITH PIERRE HAMER, DIRECTOR OF
CIVIL AVIATION, WHO REPEATED (SEE REFTEL) THAT, AS FAR
AS HE KNEW, THE ISSUE WAS DEAD AND THAT PESSIS HAD WRITTEN
MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION MART CITING AIR EUROPE'S PROBLEMS
AND RENOUNCING HIS PERMIT FOR LANDING RIGHTS IN LUXEMBOURG.

3. GUY KONSBRUCK, PESSIS' LUXEMBOURG REPRESENTATIVE, TOLD
ECON OFFICER THAT HE HAD CABLED PESSIS ASKING FOR A VERI-
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FICATION OF HIS INTENTIONS. KONSBRUCK DID NOT BELIEVE THAT
PESSIS' LETTER TO MART SPECIFICALLY RENOUNCED HIS TWO-YEAR
PERMIT AND THAT AIR EUROPE WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO FLY TO
LUXEMBOURG.

4. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF HAMER'S KNOWN OPPOSITION TO AIR EUROPE, WE HAVE FOUND THAT PESSIS AND COMPANY HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN BYPASSING HIM AND GOING DIRECTLY TO MINISTER MART. IT IS LIKELY THAT MART WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY THE TWO-YEAR PERMIT GRANTED TO AIR EUROPE LAST YEAR AND THAT AIR EUROPE, IF IT CAN GET OFF THE GROUND IN TIJUANA, WILL BE ABLE TO LAND IN LUXEMBOURG.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: VERIFICATION AND CONTENT OF CAB RULING ON OVERFLIGHTS AND STATUS OF AIR EUROPE OPERATING PERMIT FROM MEXICAN CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES. FARKAS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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